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Application No. 10/602,719
Amendment dated October 30, 2006

Docket No.: 1381-0297P

REMARKS

Claims 9-19 and 23-25 are now present in this application.

Claims 20-22 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 20-22 stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(b) as being duplicates of claims 1 and 19, and claim 22 stands objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(b) as being a duplicate of claim 21. Accordingly, claims 20-22 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration and withdrawal of any objection to the claims are respectfully requested.

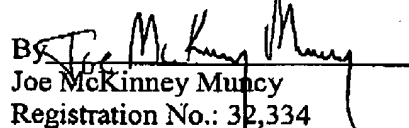
Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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